









## ANOTHER ANTI-SILVER FEEL

Five powers of the Latin Union, on the initiative of Switzerland, have signed a convention to increase the number of small silver coins by a franc per head of their population, using the existing 5-franc pieces to supply the necessary silver.

The Morning Post says editorially to-day: "The decision of the Latin Union to reduce the stock of five franc pieces and make it another stage in the abandonment of silver. Even the French Premier seems to think the bimetallic union hopeless."

## POSSIBLY ANDREWS' BALLOON

A special to the Globe from Halifax, N. S., says: "A well-known local resident, who has seen a large balloon pass over this city yesterday. It was plainly visible, and he thought that it was attached to a car. It was sailing along in a westerly direction, and was constructed of a much heavier material than any balloon seen here. He believes that it was Andrews' balloon."

## THE ENGINEERING STRIKE

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has issued another manifesto, supplementing the work of Great Britain, and has announced that it will provide £50,000 ready to defend their union.

## SPEECHES BY IMPERIAL MEMBERS

There has been a flood of political speeches this evening. Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, spoke at Northcote, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke at Shaftesbury, and Mr. J. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, spoke at the Victoria Theatre. Each was an elaborate defence of the general policy of the Government.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who was the principal speaker at the Cutlers' Banquet, maintained the attitude he assumed two years ago, that England wanted reform in military matters rather than an increase in the Army, which he called the "costliest in the world." He said that if it could be shown that an increase was imperative the nation would cheerfully pay the cost, but he was by no means convinced that a mere increase of men and expenditure was all that was needed.

Mr. Balfour, who was accompanied by Lord Rosebery's statement on Monday night, at Manchester, that an Imperial conference would weaken the Empire internally and excite the permanent hostility of the whole world. He said: "It is an enormous mistake to think that we can do within the Empire." He announced that the Government had no desire of aggression on the North-west frontier of India, but sought only to maintain the present frontier.

The Times will generally hit editorially to-morrow that three such speakers deflating the policy of the Government on the same night would be a waste of energy and it would have been better to speak it over a moderate time. The Morning Post will also complain of "such a waste of energy."

## AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE

There was an extraordinary case heard before the Lord Mayor's Court, to-day, when a man, named Hinde, and the Prince of Wales to recover £200,000, alleged to have been wrongfully paid him by the late Under-Sheriff Croll, who was the liquidator of the United Kingdom Electric Telegraph Company. The plaintiff declared that the money belonged to a certain Mr. Allen, of whose estate he was the executor, and he further alleged that the sum of £150,000 from Lord Suffolk, along with other moneys, had been misappropriated by Croll to himself, and that he, the plaintiff, at the trial in 1877, in connection with the liquidator.

Sir George Lewis, on behalf of the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Suffolk, asked that the proceedings be quashed, on the ground that the allegations were nothing more than a frivolous and vexatious issue of money, and he submitted an affidavit in support of his contention. The plaintiff then addressed the Court, declaring he had been told that the Prince of Wales received the money referred to, and then he proceeded to charge Lord Suffolk with defrauding the estate of the Prince of Wales in order to obtain promotion and a peerage. The plaintiff was here stopped by the Court with the verdict of the jury, and the case was dismissed on that basis.

## THE HOUND EXPEDITION

The Morning Post in a specially displayed editorial, based on the report that nothing further will be done for the present in the South Sea Islands, says: "The Government has been very much embarrassed by the great cost of the expedition, and it is not probable that the Government will be able to do more than to send a small expedition to the islands, and to send the Maud, nothing is to be done, but a baneful hesitancy sets in, a moral inertia, which paralyses our statesmen, and is the cause of constitutional weakness."

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## SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Emerald*, from Marseilles, 27th Nov., had strong headwind and sea through out.

The British steamer *Toucan*, from New Zealand, and *Chloris* 25th Nov., had strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea.

The German steamer *Lepanto*, from Shanghai, 27th Nov., had fine clear weather, strong N.E. wind from port to port.

The British steamer *Harlowe* from Timor, 25th Nov., had strong N.E. wind, but strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea to Amoy. From Amoy to port, similar weather. In Amoy—H.M.S. *Phaonia*, sloop, *Nagasaki*, *Yokohama*, *Shanghai*, and *Yokohama*.

## EXPORT CARGO

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## 1892, died in London to-day.

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## cannot sell any winter clothing. The month

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## of October was the driest since 1884. Inver-

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## nams, potatoes and wheat are growing, and

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